



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5605

LCO No. 3427

Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT CONCERNING VACANCIES ON MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 Any municipality may create by ordinance a planning commission,
4 which shall consist of five members, who shall be electors of such
5 municipality and whose terms of office and method of election or
6 appointment shall be fixed in the ordinance. The ordinance may
7 provide that members may be municipal employees if the municipality
8 has adopted an ordinance authorizing such membership pursuant to
9 the provisions of subparagraph (C) of subdivision (2) of subsection (e)
10 of section 7-421. The chief executive officer of the municipality and the
11 engineer thereof or commissioner of public works, if any, shall also be
12 members of the commission, without voting privileges. The terms of
13 office shall be so arranged that the terms of not more than three
14 members shall expire in any one year. [Vacancies] Unless otherwise
15 provided by charter, vacancies shall be filled by the commission for the
16 unexpired portion of the term. Upon the adoption of this section by

17 ordinance as herein provided, and the appointment or election of a
18 commission thereunder, any planning commission in the municipality
19 established under any previous act of the General Assembly shall cease
20 to exist, and its books and records shall be turned over to the
21 commission established under this section, provided all regulations
22 promulgated by such planning commission prior to that time shall
23 continue in full force and effect until modified, repealed or superseded
24 in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. The area of
25 jurisdiction of a planning commission created by a town includes any
26 city or borough therein without a legally constituted planning
27 commission for all planning purposes except those specified in
28 sections 8-24 and 8-29. Powers granted under said sections may be
29 delegated by the legislative body of such city or borough to the
30 planning commission of the town in which such city or borough is
31 situated. Any city or borough in which a planning commission has
32 been previously established may, by ordinance, designate the
33 commission established under this section in the town in which such
34 city or borough is situated to be the planning commission of such city
35 or borough, and such commission shall supersede the planning
36 commission previously established in such city or borough. The
37 commission shall elect a chairman and a secretary from its members,
38 shall adopt rules for the transaction of business and shall keep a public
39 record of its activities. The planning commission of each municipality
40 shall file an annual report with the legislative body thereof.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To allow municipalities to control appointment of replacements on planning commissions where the local charter provides for such appointment.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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